

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated June 5, 2002, the Examiner states that Claims 1-13 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND DRAWINGS

Claim 5 states a "V-shaped cross-sectional profile". Objections are made to the Specification and drawings for not providing support for this feature. Applicant has amended Claim 5 to instead state a "U-shaped cross-sectional profile", which does find support in the specification and drawings. This obvious error occurred due to an improper translation of the claims.

CLAIM OBJECTION

In the Office Action, the Patent Office objects to Claim 13 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) for being in improper multiple dependent format because a multiple dependent claim should not refer to another multiple dependent claim. See MPEP §608.01(n). Applicant respectfully disagrees with this objection. Although Claim 13 is a multiple dependent claim, none of the preceding claims is a multiple dependent claim.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §112

In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejects Claim 1 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Particularly, the limitations "the middle" and "the edge" lack sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to correct this.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding the claims allowable if the §112 rejection is overcome.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. In a pacifier arrangement of the type including a generally lemniscate-shaped shield having two longer shield sides and two shorter shield sides and a central shield opening, retractions provided on said two longer shield sides in [the] a middle thereof, and a nipple fastened in said central opening of said shield, the improvement wherein said shield comprises but one lateral opening each provided on one side of said central shield opening and reaching as far as to [the] an edge of said shield while leaving a first shield frame part on one side of said central opening and a second shield frame part on the other side of said central opening.
2. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first and second shield frame parts on said two shorter shield sides each comprise an indentation.
3. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 2, wherein said indentation is located in the middle of each respective shorter shield side.
4. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a central circular shield part including said central shield opening for said nipple, and wherein said first and second shield frame parts join said central circular shield part in one piece.
5. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of said first and second shield frame parts has an approximately [V] U-shaped cross sectional profile.
6. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of said first and second shield frame parts has an approximately C-shaped cross sectional profile.
7. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 6, wherein said C-shaped cross

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sectional profile has a rounded web side oriented in the direction of the nipple.

8. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lateral opening, in a direction parallel to said longer shield sides, has a length of about 10 mm to 30 mm and, transverse thereto, has a width of about 15 mm to 35 mm.

9. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lateral opening, in a direction parallel to said longer shield sides, has a length of about 15 mm to 20 mm and, transverse thereto, has a width of about 20 mm to 30 mm.

10. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lateral opening has a clear width of at least 14 mm over its entire periphery.

11. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an end bead provided on said nipple and a wedge-shaped plug inserted in said central shield opening to fasten said nipple to said shield in said central shield opening.

12. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 11, further comprising a cap fastened to said shield to cover said plug and said end bead of said nipple.

13. A pacifier shield to be used in the pacifier arrangement set forth in claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12.

